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RE : ETRD, MR, US

SUBJECT: US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) AND EC
REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE

REF: 75 NOUAKCHOTT 519

1. DCM CALLED ON GIRM DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE, HAMOUD OULD ELY,
AUGUST 3 FOR PURPOSE OF XNKPRATING USG HOPE THAT MAURITANIA
WILL ELIMINATE REVERSE PREFERENCES TO EC.

2. UNLIKE SITUATION IN MARCH 1975(REFTEL) WHEN OULD ELY WAS
NOT CONVERSANT WITH REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE, COMMERCE DIR-
ECTOR FULLY UNDERSTOOD REASON FOR PRESENT DEMVTE AND REL-
ATIONSHIP BETWEEN REVERSE PREFERENCES AND GSP. OULD ELY NOTED
THAT REVERSE PREFERENCES WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IC CONTEXT
OF LOME CONVENTION. HE ADDED THAT GIRM POSITION ON MATTER IS
NOT FIXED AND THAT GIRM DOES NOT, AS MATTER OF GENERAL
PRINCIPLE, SUPPORT DISCRIMINATORY PREFERENCES. HE EMPHASIZED
DESIRE TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH US AND
SAID GIRM WOULD EVALUATE ROLE OF REVERSE PREFERENCES IN THIS
REGARD. (AT SAME TIME, OULD ELY WAS AWARE THAT US CURRENTLY
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PURCHASES NEGLIGIBLE QUANTITY OF MAURITANIAN PRODUCTS AND

THUS FORESEES LITTLE GSP BENEFIT SECURING TO MAURITANIA OVER SHORT-TERM).

3. AS US MISSION EC BRUSSELS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEARN OF ANY EVOLUTION OF GIRM POLICY ON REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE BEFORE WE DO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFO THIS TOPIC THAT COMES AVAILABLE TO BRUSSELS. HANDYSIDE

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